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## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance on pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability presented with the Notice of Allowance. Applicants agree that the cited art teachings fail to teach or suggest -- alone or in combination -- each and every element of the claimed systems and methods. In addition, Applicants agree that the cited references fail to teach or suggest the features listed on pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability, but respectfully submit that there are other elements of the allowed claims that are also not taught or suggested by the prior art.

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Respectfully submitted,

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